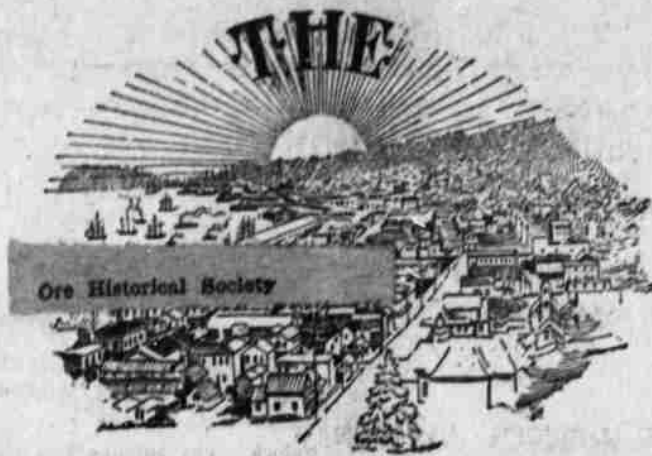


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FIFTY MINERS

Entombed by Gas Explosion in Mine.

NOT WORKED SUNDAY

And Large Amount of Gas Accumulated in the Lower Workings.

SHOCK FELT TWELVE MILES

Work of Rescuing the Miners Is Made Difficult by the Foulness of the Air and Only Fifteen Bodies Have Been So Far Recovered—All Dead.

Benton, Ill., April 3.—Some 50 miners were entombed today in Joseph Leith's mine at Zeigler by a terrific explosion of gas and probably 30 or 40 buried men are dead. Thus far 15 bodies have been found. The explosion was due to the fact that Leith's mine were not worked on Sunday, thus allowing the gas to accumulate in the lower workings.

When between 25 and 45 miners had descended into the mine today to resume work a terrific explosion blew the timbers about the mouth of the mine high into the air. One of the steel cages was blown to the surface from the bottom of the 500-foot shaft. The shock of the explosion was felt at Benton, 12 miles distant. One miner was killed and 40 severely injured at the mouth of the shaft in which the explosion occurred. The work of rescue begun at once by miners, who were arriving at the time when the explosion took place, but the main shaft was so badly wrecked that rescue work has to be carried on through air shafts. This hindered the work of aiding the entombed men to such an extent when darkness fell tonight only three bodies and one injured man had been brought to the surface. These bodies were found 40 feet from the bottom of the air shaft. The work of rescue is made very difficult and dangerous by the foulness of the air in the mine. Only two bodies found show marks of the explosion, death in all other cases being evidently the result of asphyxiation.

There was much excitement among the miners when the accident became known, because there had been a strike of long duration and many conflicts occurred between the strikers and non-union miners. An all day investigation tends to show the catastrophe was due to accidental explosion of accumulated gas.

Joseph Leith is expected to reach Zeigler tonight, although at first report he was enroute to Europe. Rescue work will continue all night.

Tonight 31 coffins accompanied by an undertaker arrived at Zeigler. The number of the dead is estimated at 34 and wounded 8. It transpires that there were two explosions close together. The first explosion took place in the air shaft and was followed by a much greater explosion in the main shaft. The explosion wrecked the shafts, blowing out shids on which the cages were hoisted. Of the 34 men thought to be dead, only 15 have been taken out at 10 o'clock tonight. Besides these bodies three were removed alive, but with fatal injuries.

Superintendent Hurd said tonight that the shaft was a wreck and the main entrance so disabled as to take a week to repair it. In the effort to recover the entombed men, five rescuers were overcome after the damp. All searchers for the men below had to be let down by ropes.

Declared a Draw.

Philadelphia, April 3.—Young Cor-

bett and Young Ernie of this city sparred a six-round contest tonight. Corbett was fat and fought wildly. Ernie, while active, appeared timid. Under the law no decision was given, but spectators appeared to be of the opinion that it was a draw.

DON'T WANT MUCH.

Governor Peabody and General Bell Sued for \$100,000.

Denver, April 3.—Chas. H. Moyer, president of the federation of miners, today sued ex-Governor Peabody, General Bell and General Wells for damages on account of alleged hardships, humiliation and disgrace.

Moyer alleges that he was confined in a military prison at Telluride without any legal process and that his health has been impaired. He wants \$100,000 damages from each of the defendants.

GAMBLING IN FRISCO.

Grand Jury Closes Up All of the Pool Rooms.

San Francisco, April 3.—The grand jury started a war on the pool rooms today. Nine arrests were made at Zick Abram's resort and nearly all the big pool rooms have suspended business.

The information of the grand jury's intentions reached the pool rooms in some manner, otherwise wholesale arrests would have been made. Foreman Andrews of the grand jury is greatly disappointed over the small number of arrests.

Indicted for Embezzlement.

Washington, April 3.—The federal grand jury today reported an indictment against Andrew A. Lipscomb, a prominent attorney of this city, for connection in an alleged embezzlement of \$16,000 from the Washington endowment association.

SANTA FE IN WRECK

Heavy Train Collides With a Train of Workmen.

TWO WORKMEN ARE KILLED

The Engine of the Work Train Was Completely Demolished and the Front of the Freight Engine Was Smashed in and Fireman Injured.

Rayton, N. M., April 3.—A wreck has occurred on the Santa Fe road one mile from this place. A heavy freight collided with a train loaded with workmen, causing the instant death of two workmen—Manuel Liba and Jose Contreras—and severely injuring four others. The engine of the work train was completely demolished and the front end of the freight engine was smashed in. Both Liba and Contreras were mangled beyond identification. Liba's head was severed from his body and thrown a distance of 40 feet.

Contreras' head was smashed. David Martinez and Romeo Garcia, workmen, were so severely injured that they may die. Virgil Smithon, fireman of the freight, had his hand cut off and O. C. Williams, engineer of the work train, was badly bruised.

TROUBLE IN WARSAW.

Well Informed Men Predict Another Strike Imminent.

Warsaw, April 3.—Increased unrest in labor circles is noticeable today and well informed men are of the opinion that another general strike is imminent. A large manufacturer in a neighboring town, refused a big contract last week because after conferring with the leaders among his workmen, he was convinced that all of his employees will walk out within a month in spite of the manufacturers' assurance that the employees will profit equally with himself by remaining to complete the contract.

COMMISSION

Panama Canal Commission Named.

ALL ARE NEW MEN

Secretary Taft Announces the Personnel of New Commission Appointed.

SEVEN COMMISSIONERS NAMED

President Roosevelt Appointed the New Commission and Authorized Secretary Taft to Announce the Appointment Upon His Departure South.

Washington, April 3.—President Roosevelt has carried out his plans for the reorganization of the Isthmian canal commission as to the personal and business methods generally on the lines of the legislation suggested by congress at the last session which failed in the crush of business in the closing hours. Today, within a half hour after the president's departure from Washington, Secretary Taft, directly in charge of the canal matters, made public the personnel of the new commission and the division of duties among them.

Only one member of the old commission was reappointed—Benjamin M. Harrod. Otherwise the commission is new from top to bottom, for there is a top and a bottom and considerable difference between the functions and pay of the commissioners. Finding that he was legally obliged to appoint seven commissioners the president did so, but carried out his plans by making three of them practically the full commission. The other four, although bearing the title of commissioners, not only receive much lower compensation, but are assigned to much smaller duties and fields of activity.

The president also carried out his scheme of dividing up the work of the canal building among the commissioners, so as to be nominally acting as a body on state occasions, each individual member would operate in a special field. The head of the commission is a trained railway man, chosen for his administrative abilities in the financial and purchasing field. The new governor of the zone is a lawyer who has also had much to do with state affairs. The engineer commissioner, already known for his ability in execution of practical work of canal cutting.

The other members of the commission are simply placed on it to comply with the provisions of the law as to the number of the commission, but are men of high ability as hydraulic engineers.

Secretary Taft told them today that they were expected to show results and that, he said, was the key note for the president's action.

COAL STRIKE.

Big One Threatened in Pennsylvania Mining Fields.

Altoona, Pa., April 3.—It begins to look like a strike of the coal miners of the Central Pennsylvania field. The joint scale committee of miners and operators met here this morning and resumed consideration of the wage question. They adjourned this afternoon, deadlocked.

One operator said: "It looks as if this may be a tie-up of the field. We can't get together, and the outcome is in doubt."

A miner said: "So far, we have been unable to agree, but there's hope." The coal tax bill in the legislature is practically killed, so far as it re-

fers to bituminous coal and both sides go ahead with the scale making without fear.

NEW OIL FIELDS.

New Oil Discoveries Have Been Made in Texas.

Houston, Tex., April 3.—Another oil field within two miles of the present Humble district is now on the eve of being developed, and it is said to promise to equal, if not surpass, the Humble field. A party of men of means recently purchased and leased 150 acres on the San Jacinto river, where experts and geologists pronounce the indications of the presence of gas and oil as good as any field yet discovered in Texas.

The Ruth Oil Company has been organized, and the promoters have already commenced the erection of a derrick, contracted for the boring of a well and the machinery is now being placed on the ground.

DON'T WANT OPIUM.

Petitions to the President from the Philippines.

New York, April 3.—The executive committee of the Filipino Progressive Association has asked President Roosevelt to urge the Philippines Commission to carry out the recommendations of the committee which reported upon the best means to suppress the use of any traffic in opium in the Philippines. The committee recommends a system of government monopoly with absolute prohibition of the opium business as soon as possible.

Steamer Mandalay Waterlogged.

Eureka, April 3.—The steamer Mandalay, which was reported disabled off Crescent City, was towed into this port today by the tug Ranger. She was waterlogged and part of the deckload of lumber was lost.

CHICAGO ELECTION

One of the Most Spirited Campaigns Closed.

THE RESULT IS IN DOUBT

Republicans Claim That Harlan Will Be Elected by 20,000 and the Democrats Are Equally Sanguine That Dunne Will Be Elected by 50,000.

Chicago, April 3.—One of the most spirited contests of recent years wound up in Chicago today. The municipal ownership of street railways has been the issue. John M. Harlan, son of Justice Harlan of the United States supreme court, is the republican candidate for mayor and Judge Edward F. Dunne of the circuit court is the democratic candidate.

Both candidates stand pledged for municipal ownership, but by different methods. The democratic candidate stands for the immediate purchase or condemnation of all the tangible property and unexpired franchises of the railway companies. The republican advocates the reference of the question to the people by referendum vote.

The republican managers claim the election of Harlan by 20,000 plurality. The democrats seem confident that Dunne will have anywhere from 30,000 to 50,000 plurality. It is not thought likely that these socialists will poll over 10,000 votes.

More Trouble.

Warsaw, April 3.—Attacks on policemen are becoming more frequent. Two officers were wounded tonight, one being shot and another stabbed. The assailants escaped.

Russian Squadron.

Jibuti, French Somaliland, April 3.—The Russian second Pacific squadron, commanded by Admiral Nebogatoff, from Suez, March 26, anchored off this port today.

A CLOSE CALL

Professor White of Cornell University.

SILK HAT WAS CUT

Ex-Ambassador to Germany Has a Narrow Escape on Pullman Car.

NO CAUSE FOR ACCIDENT

Train Running at a High Rate of Speed From New York Passes a Freight and Door of the Latter Strikes Window in the Pullman Car.

New York, April 3.—Andrew D. White, former professor of Cornell university and ex-ambassador to Germany, has had a narrow escape from death while returning to this city from New Haven. He was severely cut by glass from a broken window and only escaped by the narrowest margin from losing the top of his head. The silk hat which he wore was cut across as if by a knife scarcely more than one-eighth of an inch from the top of his head.

Mr. White had a seat in a Pullman, two cars back from the engine. Near him sat a woman and a child. The train was running at a high rate of speed near New York when it passed a freight train going in the opposite direction. Suddenly there was a crash and a shower of glass and bits of wood fell on Mr. White, who had been reading.

His hands and arms were severely cut, while a piece of plate glass had cut his silk hat almost in two. The former diplomat was dazed by the suddenness of the crash and is still suffering from the shock. The woman passenger, sitting nearby, was slightly hurt and when the train reached New York she was sent home in a cab.

Examination of the car showed that something had hit the double window opposite where Mr. White was seated. Glass from the side apparently had been hurled across the car with such force that the window beside the former diplomat was demolished. The train was stopped but no cause for the accident could be found nor was there evidence that anything had been thrown at the train. Trainmen reached the conclusion that a car door of the passing freight train caused the trouble.

FORGED BY CHEMISTRY.

Man Arrested for Raising Postoffice Money Orders.

New York, April 3.—Postoffice inspectors yesterday arrested Louis Guggenheimer on a technical charge of forgery and he was held in \$3500 bail. The officers say that by his operations in raising money orders Guggenheimer secured at least \$40,000 and possibly \$80,000.

Guggenheimer is said to possess a chemical secret that makes a real art of his work in raising postoffice money orders. His method has been to purchase orders for small amounts, raise them to large sums, and cash them with merchants, buying goods and receiving his change in money.

TENNESSEE DERBY.

Capt. S. S. Brown's Agile Won the Race and \$10,000.

Nashville, Tenn., April 3.—Captain S. S. Brown's bay colt Agile, by Sir Dixon, dam Alpena, ridden by Jack Martin, romped home an easy winner in the Tennessee derby at one and one eighth mile course today, de-

feating John Smulski, Ellison candidate and Jack Lory, representing the stables of John W. Carr, by five lengths. Rams Horn and Whipperill, entry of Captain W. S. Williams, was withdrawn. Agile was the favorite in betting. Today's derby was probably the richest stake ever offered in the south, the gross value being \$10,535, of which \$8300 goes to the winner.

MERGER OF BANKS.

Wells Fargo and Nevada National to Be Consolidated.

San Francisco, April 3.—A merger of the Nevada National bank and the Wells Fargo bank was ratified at a meeting of the stockholders of the Nevada National bank today, having been previously approved by the stockholders of the Wells Fargo Company bank. The title of the new bank will be the Wells Fargo-Nevada National bank of San Francisco.

It will have a working capital of \$900,000. The officers are to be: President, Isaac W. Hellman; vice presidents, I. M. Hellman, Jr., and John F. Bigelow; cashier, F. L. Lipman. The amalgamated bank begins business probably about April 15 in the premises occupied by Wells Fargo & Co., corner of Market and Sansome streets.

GRAND CHANCELLOR KILLED.

Frank J. Bell of Knights of Pythias Killed at Dallas.

Dallas, Tex., April 3.—Frank J. Bell, a prominent attorney of this city and grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias, was shot and killed by R. R. Parker, chief deputy district clerk today. The shooting occurred at the district clerk's office in the court house and was the result of a previous quarrel over fees. Parker was arrested and taken into custody.

MURDERER CAUGHT

John T. Coleman, Gambler, Arrested at Centralia.

ATTEMPT TO COMMIT SUICIDE

Coleman Admits That He Killed Edna Hoffman Because the Woman Refused to Respond to His Affections, and Says He Will Never Be Hanged.

Portland, April 3.—John T. Coleman, a gambler, who murdered Edna Hoffman, a notorious woman of this city, was today arrested at Centralia, Wash., while attempting to escape from the Portland Northern Pacific train. Coleman was taken to the county jail at Chehalis, where he attempted to kill himself by cutting his throat with a razor, concealed in his shoe.

Later the Portland officers went to Chehalis and on finding good chances for the man's recovery, brought him to Portland. Coleman since his first attempt at suicide, twice tried to tear the bandages from his throat, and for that reason it was deemed best to bind him hand and foot to a cot when he was placed in the jail here. Coleman admits that he killed the Hoffman woman because she failed to respond to his affections and says he will make away with himself before he will be hanged for the crime.

BOUND FOR VLADIVOSTOK.

Second Pacific Squadron Will Have Fight With Japanese.

St. Petersburg, April 3.—A letter from Admiral Rejstevsky to his wife indicates the departure of the second Pacific squadron from Madagascar waters is final and it is now on the way to Vladivostok.

The admiral wrote that the sailing of the squadron had been fixed for March 19. The admiralty admitted their knowledge of this determination. It is understood that a rendezvous will be made with Nebogatoff's division.